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|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 10/757,967         | 01/14/2004             | Timothy J. Cripsey    | 4090-000001            |

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CONFIRMATION NO. 4243

## FORMALITIES LETTER



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Date Mailed: 04/26/2004

## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of \$790 as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$1690 for a Large Entity

- |   |                                      |           |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| • \$770 Statutory basic filing fee.         | 08/19/2004 AADOF01 00000012 10757967 |           |
| • \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge. | 01 FC:2001                           | 385.00 OP |
|   | 02 FC:2201                           | 215.00 OP |
|   | 03 FC:2202                           | 180.00 OP |
|   | 04 FC:2051                           | 65.00 OP  |

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$790**

- **\$430** for **5** independent claims over 3.
- **\$360** for **20** total claims over 20.

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL  
for FY 2004**

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) 845**Complete if Known**

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| Application Number   | 10/757,967         |
| Filing Date          | January 14, 2004   |
| First Named Inventor | Timothy J. Cripsey |
| Examiner Name        | Unknown            |
| Art Unit             | 3726               |
| Attorney Docket No.  | 4090-000001        |

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**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

| Large Entity |          | Small Entity |          | Fee Description        | Fee Paid |
|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|------------------------|----------|
| Fee Code     | Fee (\$) | Fee Code     | Fee (\$) |                        |          |
| 1001         | 770      | 2001         | 385      | Utility filing fee     | 385      |
| 1002         | 340      | 2002         | 170      | Design filing fee      |          |
| 1003         | 530      | 2003         | 265      | Plant filing fee       |          |
| 1004         | 770      | 2004         | 385      | Reissue filing fee     |          |
| 1005         | 160      | 2005         | 80       | Provisional filing fee |          |

**SUBTOTAL (1)**

(\$ 385)

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

|                    |    | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|----|--------------|----------------|----------|
| Total Claims       | 40 | -20 ** = 20  | X 9            | = 180    |
| Independent Claims | 8  | -3 ** = 5    | X 43           | = 215    |
| Multiple Dependent |    |              | X              | = 0      |

| Large Entity |          | Small Entity |          | Fee Description  |
|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|--|
| Fee Code     | Fee (\$) | Fee Code     | Fee (\$) |  |
| 1202         | 18       | 2202         | 9        | Claims in excess of 20                                     |
| 1201         | 86       | 2201         | 43       | Independent claims in excess of 3                          |
| 1203         | 290      | 2203         | 145      | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                      |
| 1204         | 86       | 2204         | 43       | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent         |
| 1205         | 18       | 2205         | 9        | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

**SUBTOTAL (2)**

(\$ 395)

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

| Large Entity |          | Small Entity |          | Fee Description  | Fee Paid |
|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|--|----------|
| Fee Code     | Fee (\$) | Fee Code     | Fee (\$) |  |          |
| 1051         | 130      | 2051         | 65       | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath  | 65       |
| 1052         | 50       | 2052         | 25       | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                     |          |
| 1053         | 130      | 1053         | 130      | Non-English specification  |          |
| 1812         | 2,520    | 1812         | 2,520    | For filing a request for reexamination                                     |          |
| 1804         | 920*     | 1804         | 920*     | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 1805         | 1,840*   | 1805         | 1,840*   | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 1251         | 110      | 2251         | 55       | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
| 1252         | 420      | 2252         | 210      | Extension for reply within second month                                    |          |
| 1253         | 950      | 2253         | 475      | Extension for reply within third month                                     |          |
| 1254         | 1,480    | 2254         | 740      | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |          |
| 1255         | 2,010    | 2255         | 1,005    | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |          |
| 1401         | 330      | 2401         | 165      | Notice of Appeal   |          |
| 1402         | 330      | 2402         | 165      | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 1403         | 290      | 2403         | 145      | Request for oral hearing   |          |
| 1451         | 1,510    | 1451         | 1,510    | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |
| 1452         | 110      | 2452         | 55       | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |          |
| 1453         | 1,330    | 2453         | 665      | Petition to revive - unintentional   |          |
| 1501         | 1,330    | 2501         | 665      | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |          |
| 1502         | 480      | 2502         | 240      | Design issue fee   |          |
| 1503         | 640      | 2503         | 320      | Plant issue fee  |          |
| 1460         | 130      | 1460         | 130      | Petitions to the Commissioner  |          |
| 1807         | 50       | 1807         | 50       | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q)                                       |          |
| 1806         | 180      | 1806         | 180      | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt                                  |          |
| 8021*        | 40       | 8021         | 40       | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |          |
| 1809         | 770      | 2809         | 385      | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))              |          |
| 1810         | 770      | 2810         | 385      | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))           |          |
| 1801         | 770      | 2801         | 385      | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                    |          |
| 1802         | 900      | 1802         | 900      | Request for expedited examination of a design application                  |          |

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

**SUBTOTAL (3)**

(\$ 65)

**SUBMITTED BY****Complete (if applicable)**

|                   |                   |                                   |                 |           |                |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------|
| Name (Print/Type) | Michael E. Hilton | Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) | 33,509          | Telephone | (248) 641-1600 |
| Signature         |                   | Date                              | August 17, 2004 |           |                |

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| <b>TRANSMITTAL<br/>FORM</b><br>(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing) | Application Number   | 10/757,967             |             |
|   | Filing Date          | January 14, 2004       |             |
|   | First Named Inventor | Timothy J. Cripsey     |             |
|   | Art Unit             | 3726                   |             |
|   | Examiner Name        | Unknown                |             |
| Total Number of Pages in This Submission  | 8                    | Attorney Docket Number | 4090-000001 |

**ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)**

|   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Reply<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> After Final<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/<br>Incomplete Application<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing<br>Parts under 37 CFR<br>1.52 or 1.53 | <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Petition<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a<br>Provisional Application<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation<br>Change of Correspondence Address<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to<br>Technology Center (TC)<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of<br>Appeals and Interferences<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC<br>(Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s)<br>(please identify below):<br><br><b>Executed Declaration and Power<br/>of Attorney; Copy of Notice to<br/>File Missing Parts; return<br/>postcard</b> |
| <b>Remarks</b><br>The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 08-0750.  |  |   |

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT**

|                               |                                  |                                    |                    |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Firm<br>or<br>Individual name | Harness, Dickey & Pierce, P.L.C. | Attorney Name<br>Michael E. Hilton | Reg. No.<br>33,509 |
| Signature                     |                                  |                                    |                    |
| Date                          | August 17, 2004                  |                                    |                    |

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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/757,967  
Filing Date: January 14, 2004  
Applicant: Timothy J. Cripsey  
Group Art Unit: 3726  
Examiner: Unknown  
Title: PROCESS FOR PRESS FORMING METAL TUBES  
Attorney Docket: 4090-000001

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS  
OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

Sir:

Pursuant to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application Filed Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) Filing Date Granted," mailed April 26, 2004, enclosed is a Declaration and Power of Attorney document executed by the inventors for the above-identified application, a copy of the Notice, and payment of the applicable fees.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 17, 2004

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